(d) if so, by when the commission is likely to be set up; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) As per the results of the 48th round (January—December, 1992) of National Sample Survey, the average per capita consumer expenditure in Gujarat is Rs. 261.9 in rural areas and Rs. 388.1 in urban areas. The corresponding figures for Maharashtra are Rs. 250.5 and 462.2 respectively.

(c) to (e) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) document prepared by the Planning Commission sets out the stategy and programmes for agricultural and rural development, which will contribute to increase in investment and income in the rural areas.

Financial allocation to Punjab

3214. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the financial allocation made for the year 1995-96 for the developmental projects for the State of Punjab; and

(b) whether the amount is sufficient for the development of the State; if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): The financal allocation made for the year 1995-96 in the Annual Plan for Punjab is Rs. 167.5 crores with fllowing breakon of sectoral heads of development:

(Rs. in crores

Major Sector of Development	Allocation in 1995-96
1. Agriculture & Allied Activities	107·89
2. Rural Development	46.48
3. Special Area Programme	13.76
4. Irrigation & Flood Control	151.43
5. Energy (Power)	703.62
6. Industry & Minerals	65.65
7. Transport	61.08
8. Science, Technology & Environment	5.52
9. General Economic Services	41·28
10. Social Services	444·09
11. General Services	34·20
GRAND TOTAL :	1675·00

(b) Punjab Government proposed an outlay of Rs. 1680 crores for meeting the development needs of the State for the year 1995-96. After details discussions of resources available and development needs the outlay was fixed at Rs. 1675.00 crores which meets almost fully the requirements proposed by the State Government.

Programmes for people below poverty line

3215. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new programmes and schemes formulated by the Government for the 300 million people living below the poverty line in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?